

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On the top of page 2, please add the following cross-reference, as follows:

---CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is related to and claims priority upon the provisional patent application filed on August 20, 2002, under application No. 60/404,545. ---

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 6 on page 2 to as follows:

As is well known in the art, environmental requirements, over the past decade or two, ~~has~~ have made it essential that vapors and fumes generated during fuel dispensing, particularly at the myriad of service stations, ~~must~~ be collected, at a high degree of efficiency, to prevent the entrance of such fumes into the atmosphere. Environmentalists have stated that these types of fumes may be detrimental to the quality of our air.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 16 on page 2 to as follows:

Examples of various types of vapor recovery systems, some of which may disclose slurpies, are shown in various prior United States patents. For example, United States patent No. 5,520,228, discloses a fuel extraction coupling for a nozzle. This shows the coupling for the tubing that connects with the slurpie pick up point, to deliver or provide for an extraction of any pooled fuel from the vapor recovery hose. United States patent No. ~~5,478,125~~ 5,476,125, discloses a vapor recovery gasoline dispensing nozzle. In addition, a vapor control valve, for use in a fuel dispensing nozzle, is shown in United States patent No. 5,394,909. Also, United States patent No. 5,197,523, shows a dispensing nozzle improvement for extracting fuel from the coaxial hose, in the manner as previously described. All of these prior patents, as described herein, are owned by a common assignee to the invention as reviewed and explained in this application.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 13 on page 6 to as follows:

In referring to the drawings, and in particular Fig. 1, the connection 1 of this invention, is readily disclosed mounted partially within the back end 2 of the fuel dispensing nozzle, providing the means for connection of the coaxial hose, as attached thereto, as at 3. A type of nozzle nut 4 threadedly or otherwise engages within the back end of the nozzle handle, as can be noted, to provide for the tight and secure retention of these components altogether, via the connection 1, as can be seen.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 20 on page 6 to as follows:

As can be seen internally of the nozzle hose connection, and referring also to Fig. 2, therein is disclosed that part of the connector 1 which is contained within the nozzle, as can be noted at 5. That particular component includes a cylindrical portion 6 having an integral flange 7 that extends radially, and which is inserted within the nozzle handle 2 to the ~~extend~~ extent where it abuts against a shoulder 3a around the inner perimeter of the opening 8 contained internally of the nozzle handle. This part of the connector is held in position by means of the clamp, or retaining ring 9, which when clamped into position, inserts within the internal groove 10 provided within the handle, and snugly retains the part 5 in place. This part is further held in position by means of a spider 11, which has openings 12 provided around its perimeter, and which allows for passage of the vapors there through, on the return from the automobile, nozzle, and back to the dispenser, and hence to the underground storage tank, during collection. Only part of the spider can be seen in Fig. 2. See Fig. 4.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 5 on page 8 to as follows:

Connecting with the cylindrical portion 18, and integrally formed thereof is a second support 27, through which the further slurpie passageway 22 extends. Mounted onto the outer surface of the second support 27 is a sleeve 28. The

sleeve 28 has a rearward extension 29 upon which the coaxial hose portion mounts, and is clamped into position, while its internal fuel dispensing hose mounts onto the barbed cylindrical portion 18, as can be noted, so that the fuel may flow through the channel 25a. In addition, the outer part of the coaxial hose concentric of the fuel dispensing hose forms the vapor part of the coaxial hose. The returning vapors pass through the various passages provided through the first and second support means, formed as spiders, to allow for return of vapors back to the dispenser, and to underground storage. Likewise, the slurpie tubes may connect onto the fittings 15 and 23, to allow extraction of the condensed fuel from the low point of the vapor part of the coaxial hose, and to be attracted back into the nozzle, by its venturi, said condensed fuels passing through the various passages 23, 22, 20, 16, and 15 through the vacuum attraction aspects of nozzle venturi.